Capital City Capers

The News Organ of the Capital City Squares
A Founding Member of the IAGSDC

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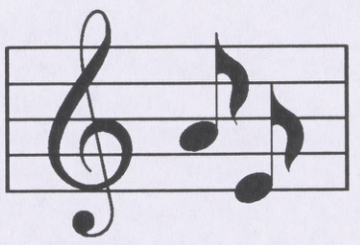
Dear Capital City Squares,

Just a short note to thank you for having me call your February Dance and Workshop.

It was a fun time and I enjoyed myself. I know everyone was out to have a good time and I believe they did. The energy is always high at your dances.

Your club members are a very friendly group and it is just terrific when the host club shows their guests that they are happy to share a fun time with them. My dancers thank you also. This was our third year with you and it was again my pleasure.

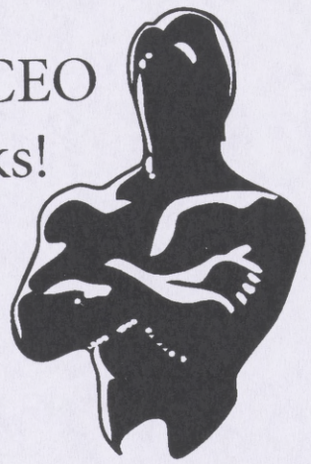
I hope your club will have many more dances and I look forward to again being a part of the fun.

Continue to smile and keep your dancers square.

Sincerely,

Joe Kula

February 24, 1992

The CEO Speaks!



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(subtle enough for ya?)

Probably the single most important happening of the month (February); After nearly five months of finger drumming, whining, nail biting, whimpering, and begging, it finally happened (no, not sex). As of 4 PM (believe me, I was looking at my watch) February 20, 1992, Capital City Squares is officially a tax –exempt mutual benefit corporation!! It has been a struggle, a nd I sometimes was less than civil during these "labor pains," but we're there now. I'd especially like to thank David Levy, not only for doing a goodly portion of the running around, but also for taking the brunt of my outbursts concerning the "delays." Thanks, David, (and apologies!). Of course, there is still one last form to submit (isn't there always?) with a nominal processing fee (isn't there always?), but it's "merely a formality" (isn't it always?) and only requires a little of my blood ('bout a quart) and my first born child (guess what—not a problem!). So after years of "gee, we really oughta incorporate" we finally are! That's one down, 237,347,238 to go.

There has been some "discussion" about the possibility of relocating our Club/Class night to another place for a number of reasons. Anyone who would like to help with the development of alternatives, feel free to let the Board know. One such alternative currently being looked intgo is MCC; while this location has a lot of potential, it does not preclude other locations. The main criteria are price, location, suitability, long–term usage (can we get a contract), and exposure. Any work done on this is greatly appreciated.

Foggy City Dancers (with Pat Coleman at the fore) is evidently once again spear heading an effort to get gay square dancing represented in the S.F. Gay Pride Parade in June. My understanding is that the IAGSDC banner will be there and "general" flyers will be passed out during the parade. There will also be a booth at the Civic Center. Other clubs are being encouraged to participate, both in the parade (with banner, it is hoped) and at the booth. Please let me know if you are interested in this —it can be a lot of fun.

Please be aware that while dues are ever due, the annual fee is now considered "delinquent." If this presents a hardship for you or someone else, please let someone on the Board know. We aren't here to wring your last farthing from you, just tryin' to run things on less than a shoestring!

Next Saturday, March 7th, 2–ish, in Stockton: The First Potluck of the Year! Hugh and David are hosting this at their raunch (uh, ranch) in Stockton. A map/flyer is included in this issue. This promises to be a lot of fun—everyone's always had a great time there.

March 10th Tuesday evening 6:30–9.30: A Guest Caller from Sweden. Stephan Sidholm will be here to direct us on how to throw each other around the floor with a Scandanavian Flair. With luch, this'll be the first in a (sporadic) series of guest callers (treasury willing). Do your darn'dest to be here—really, you won't regret this opportunity.

March 13–15: Western Star Dancers' 10th Anniversary Fly–In. Many of us have signed up to go already. This is a great opportunity to have a whole weekend of dancing and with folks from all over. WSD has gone to a lot of effort on this. Added attractions are a special rate for new dancers ($50 for the weekend) and a rate for the Saturday night (four hours!) dance ($15). Don't miss this one—it'll be lots of fun!

April 24th to 26th: Capital City Squares' Retreat to Guerneville "cruisin' down the river." For a mere $85 you'll get lodging on Friday and Saturday nights, all the dancing you can stagger through Friday night, Saturday, and Sunday, and Saturday's dinner. You also get the ambience of redwoods. We have spared no expense while paring down the price. Heck, we're even importing caller Nate Bliss all the way from Vallejo! Remember, the $40 deposit is due by March 10th, the other $45 by April 10th. This weekend is open to everyone, and dance levels will include basic through A2 (though primarily basic through plus). Reservation forms are included in the newsletter (on white) and at Class (on tasteful Neptune Blue). Talk to anyone who has attended in the past—this retreat is absolutely not to be missed!

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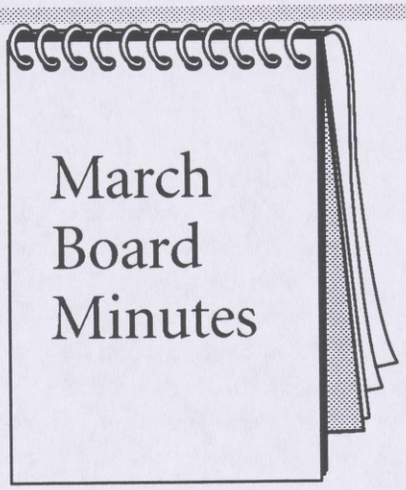


March Board Minutes

26 February 1992

This month's meeting at Bill & Michael's was of course attended by Bill and Michael, along with Fred, Rick A., Cindy, George, Rick C., and Mark.

Rick A. reports that the treasury stands at $2057.72, and the Club's bills are current. At this point 5 people have paid for Fifes.

Relating to Fifes and money, George explained that part of the Club's obtaining non–profit/tax exempt status now requires that should the Club be fortunate enough make any extra money from events such as Fifes, that money is supposed to be donated to charitable organizations at the end of our fiscal year.

Rick A. reported that the "Fantasy in February" hoedown with Joe Kula was a success. The combined workshops during the day had a good turn out (3–4 squares). The graduation hoedown at the end of May will be only an evening dance—no workshops.

George persuaded the school contracts office to bill the Club for the month of February at the lower tax exempt price. However, January was paid for at the higher price.

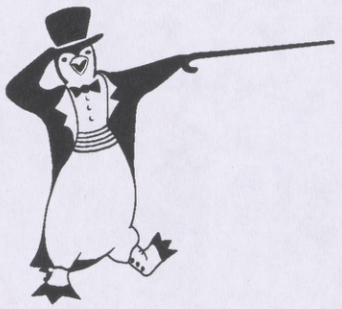
David Levy had informed George that the insurance has been sent in for Fifes, and the Club has coverage for 1992–93.

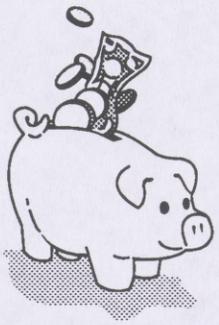
Regarding the Club's possible move to M.C.C., Greg Friel has volunteered to take the vote and handle the details. The Board discussed several points pro and con to the move. George was told that the earliest we could start dancing at M.C.C. would be May. M.C.C. seems hesitant to arrange a contract with CCS at this time. Tuesday nights are not great for M.C.C. as they are committed to another organization that night. It may be difficult if not impossible for Robin or Kris to change class nights. The school will not be available to us during July, August, and September, so a summer trial period at M.C.C. is a good chance to see how everyone likes dancing there before making a change when new classes start again in September as the school will not accept contracts until then.

The next Board meeting is Wednesday, March 25th.

Respectfully submitted by

Mark





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Coming Events

🏳 signifies an ostensibly "straight" event

March

7	CCS Potluck Party, David & Hugh's, Stockton, CA.
7	6th Anniversary Party, Gold Rush, The Corral, San Francisco, CA..
13-15	10th Anniversary Celebration & Fly-In (Paul Marcum & Mike DeSisto), Western Star Dancers, San Francisco, CA..
13-15	🏳 PACE Advanced & Challenge Weekend (Dave Stevens), Hayward, CA..
20-22	IGRA L.A. Gay Rodeo.
27	🏳 E-Z C1 Dance (John Sybalsky) Newark, CA..
27-29	"Pass Thru the Alamo" (Rusty Fennel, Bill Eyler), Alamo City Wranglers, San Antonio, TX.
28	A1-A2 Dance, Carnival Twirlers, San Jose, CA..

April

2	Special Club Night (Anne Uebelacker), FCD, Live Oak School, San Francisco, CA.
3-5	🏳 PACE Spectacular (Anne Uebelacker, Ben Rubright, Dave Hodson, Lee Kopman), Napa Fairgrounds, Napa, CA..
3-5	🏳 California State Square Dance Convention (multiple callers and levels) San Diego, CA..
10-11	🏳 "Spring Jamboree" (Jerry Story & Terry Mosier), San Joaquin Valley Square Dancing Association, Lodi, CA..
11	FCD Dance (Gary Kendall), San Francisco, CA..
24-26	CCS Retreat at Fife's (Nate Bliss), Guerneville, CA..
24-26	IGRA Pikes Peak Rodeo, Colorado Springs, CO.

May

1-3	FCD Retreat, Wildwood Ranch (way up the hill from Guerneville, CA).
1-3	🏳 Silver State Convention, (multiple callers & levels), Reno, NV.
8-10	"Pass the Ocean Hon" Chesapeake Squares Fly-In (Anne Uebelacker, Glenn Matthew, & Dale Hodge) Rehoboth Beach, DE (if it's still there!).
8-10	🏳 PACE Advanced & Challenge Weekend (George Monaghan), Hayward, CA..
8-10	IGRA Saguaro Regional Rodeo, Tucson, AZ.
9	WSD Dance (Eric Henerlau),San Francisco, CA..
22-24	IGRA Great Plains Regional Rodeo, Oklahoma City, OK..
29-31	"Triple Scoot to Toronto" (Anne Uebelacker, Joe Uebelacker!), Triangle Squares, Toronto, Ontario.
29-31	🏳 "Dynamite Weekend" (Dave Stevens), A2-C2, Royer Park, Roseville, CA..
30	CCS Graduation Hoedown (Jet Roberts), Sacramento, CA..

March Birthdays

1	**Jack Grayson**
2	**David Canales**
10	**Fred Smith**
12	**Tom Sachs**
14	**Jose J. Rodriguez**
15	**Karl Murray**
21	**Jesse Montijo**
26	**George Fox**
29	**Joy TeSelle**

Coming Events

June

12-14 PACE Advanced & Challenge Weekend (Vic Ceder), Hayward, CA..
13 FCD Dance, San Francisco, CA..
18-20 26th National Advanced & Challenge Convention, Virginia Beach, VA..
25-27 41st National Square Dance Convention, Cincinnati, OH. The IAGSDC will be represented!
28 Gay Pride Day, San Francisco, CA.

July

3-5 "Diamonds in the Desert," 9th IAGSDC Convention, Albuquerque, NM.
3-5 IGRA Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo, Denver, CO.
10-12 PACE Advanced & Challenge Weekend (Dave Wilson), Hayward, CA.
24-26 San Francisco Gay Rodeo, San Francisco, CA..
31-A2 IGRA Great Plains Regional Rodeo, Witchita, KS.

August

6-9 8th Annual IGRA Convention (Business Meeting only), Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN.
7-9 PACE Advanced & Challenge Weekend (Ross Howell), Hayward, CA..
13-15 11th American Advanced & Challenge Convention, Dayton, OH..
29 FCD Dance, San Francisco, CA..

September

4-6 Chicago Crossfire, Chi-Town Squares, Chicago, IL..
4-6 IGRA Zia Regional Rodeo, Albuquerque, NM.
11-13 PACE Advanced & Challenge Weekend (Anne Uebelacker), Hayward, CA.
18-21 Leather Weekend, San Francisco, CA.
24 Bradley Family National Holiday (A day which will live in infamy!).
25 Advanced Dance (Tom Manning), Prime 8's, Sacramento, CA..
25-27 San Diego Gay Rodeo, San Diego, CA..

October

2-4 IGRA Atlantic States Gay Rodeo, Washington, DC.
2-4 "Perk Up in Vancouver"(Anne Uebelacker, Saundra Bryant), 3rd IAGSDC Advanced & Challenge Fly-in, Vancouver, BC.
23-25 WSD Camp Caz Retreat (Paul Waters), Way up above the Russian River, CA..
24-26 IGRA Finals Rodeo, Phoenix, AZ.
30-N 1 New York Fly-In (Saundra Bryant & Todd Fellegy), Times Squares, New York City, NY.

November

7 FCD Anniversary Dance, San Francisco, CA..
13-15 IGRA Dallas Gay Rodeo, Dallas, TX.
14-15 PACE Advanced & Challenge Weekend (Bronc Wise), Hayward, CA.
27-29 SATB Fly-In (Paul Waters, Ray Brendzy), Stars Across the Border, Vancouver, BC.

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The CEO Speaks!
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CONVENTION CONVENTION CONVENTION GO! The time grows short—only a few months left before Albuqurque and "Diamonds in the Desert" (and perhaps some "Lust in the Dust"!). We have received some updates as well as more reservation forms and information packets from the convention committee. I cannot stress enough how exciting, fulfilling, and just plain FUN these conventions are!! Ya can't miss this—Go Go Go to this year's IAGSDC Concention in Albuquerque!

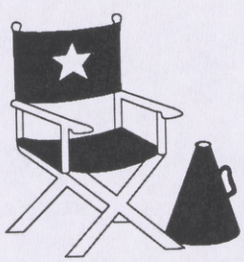
In closing, my thanks to those who pitched in to help with the workshops and dance on February 22nd. Especially, thanks, Kas, for heading up the prep committee in Dan's absence. And didn't we have fun! I was really pleased with how many people showed up!! Not only from CCS and Prime 8's, but also WSD, FCD, and even a few of Joe Kula's class members. Thank you all for your support. Thanks, Joe, for a wonderful day and evening of dancing!

Thanks for bein' here. I do enjoy your company!

See ya dancin'

~ George

P.S.: Do not forget Board elections in April!



Square Dance Nirvana

The International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs is set to stage their 9th annual convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico, over the 4th of July weekend. Besides giving square dancers a chance to travel and practice our recreation, it presents an opportunity for new class graduates (Mainstream dancers) to witness a unique event that can really enhance your dancing experience. As a Mainstream graduate, I attended the 7th annual event which was held in Vancouver, British Columbia, and that experience made me a square dancer for life.

The three day drive with Rory Jones, and his mother Shirley, through the Pacific Northwest was certainly spectacular. But during that time I began to have reservations about the convention. I had butterflies in my stomach. Had I really learned to Spin Chain Thru? Would the other dancers laugh when I couldn't Recycle from a half-sashayed position? When we finally crossed the border, drove into the city, and I saw the grandeur of the Hotel Vancouver, I wondered if I was gay enough for this bash. After all, there was plenty of speculation about what it would be like for 850 gay square dancers to converge in one of the most elegant venues in the hemisphere. Little did I know that I was about to have the time of my life.

Immediately after check-in, we took a tour of the facility, and I realized that IAGSDC's reputation for choosing delightful hotel sites was well deserved. There were plenty of rooms for dancing, huge banquet rooms, elegant restaurants, spacious guest rooms, and curiously, there were gay men and lesbians everywhere I looked! And everyone was smiling!

Well, within an hour I attended the first workshop hosted by the Mainstream graduates of the host club, Squares Across the Border. I was amazed at the friendliness of the hosts and the quality of the callers. This was true throughout the entire convention. My skills as a dancer grew by the hour. The evenings brought wonderful, energetic throngs of people kicking up their heels to the calls of an impressive array of professional callers. So many dancers, so little time. Elevators full of beautiful drag queens, the smell of leather, and the butchest, tightest Levi's lent a certain festive quality to the events. The Grand March, the Honky-Tonk Queen Contest, Country Western dancing, and the Fun-Badge Tour filled the moments when I wasn't dancing with Capital City Squares members and my new friends from everywhere.

If you want to have some real fun, you owe it to yourself to attend Diamonds in the Desert. Besides practicing and honing your skills, the most important thing you can do to guarantee yourself a good time is to plan ahead. Make your reservations. Seek out others planning to go and see if travel and accommodation plans can be coordinated to save money. The time and effort will be well spent, and you too can have the time of your life.

~ David Levy

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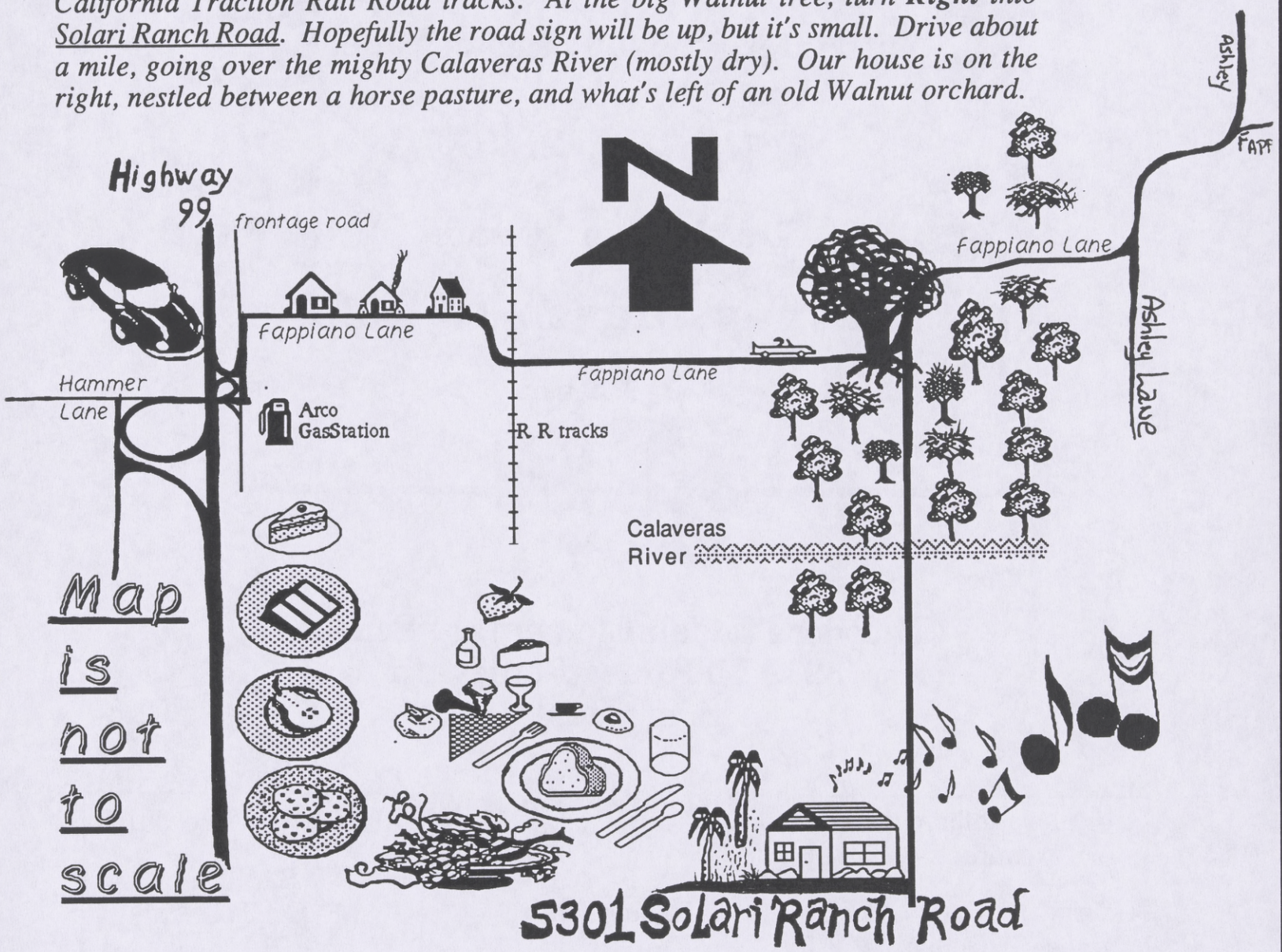

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to

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the

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in

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July 3 - 5, 1992

Departure Day will be Wednesday, July 1, 1992

(Arrival on Thursday, July 2,1992)

Choice of
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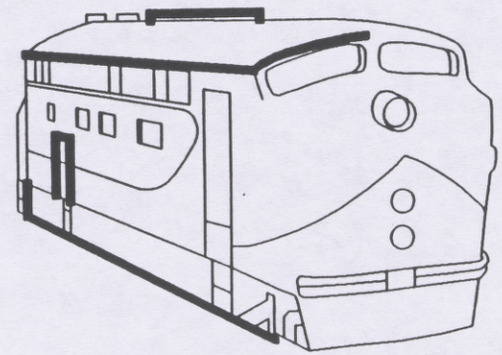
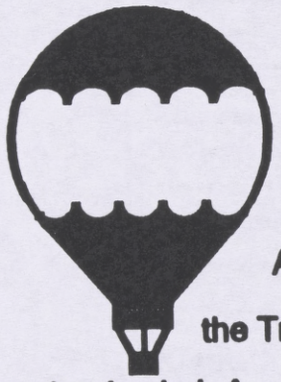
Departure





Join us aboard the "Coast Starlight" to Los Angeles where we will connect with the "Southwest Chief" to Albuquerque. We leave from the Transbay Terminal at 8:00a.m. and arrive in L.A. at 7:25p.m. We connect with the train to "Diamonds in the Desert" at about 8:15p.m. We arrive in Albuquerque at about 1:30p.m. on 7/2/92. Accommodations include a choice of Deluxe or Economy sleepers, a comfortable recliner seat and three meals on board the "Southwest Chief"(meals incl.with sleeper only).

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Seat Only $136

Los Angeles/Albuquerque

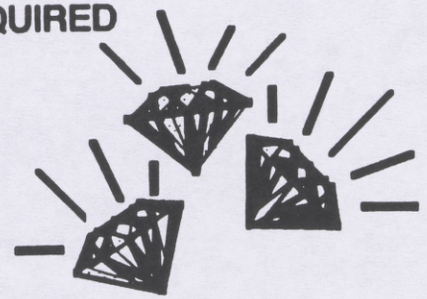
Seat	Deluxe Sleeper	Total
$74	$175.50	$249.50*

Seat	Econ Sleeper	Total
$74	$78.50	$152.50*

Seat Only $74

*Includes Dinner, Breakfast, & Lunch

FULL PAYMENT REQUIRED WITHIN 2 WEEKS OF RESERVATION (NO LATER THAN MAY 10, 1992.)



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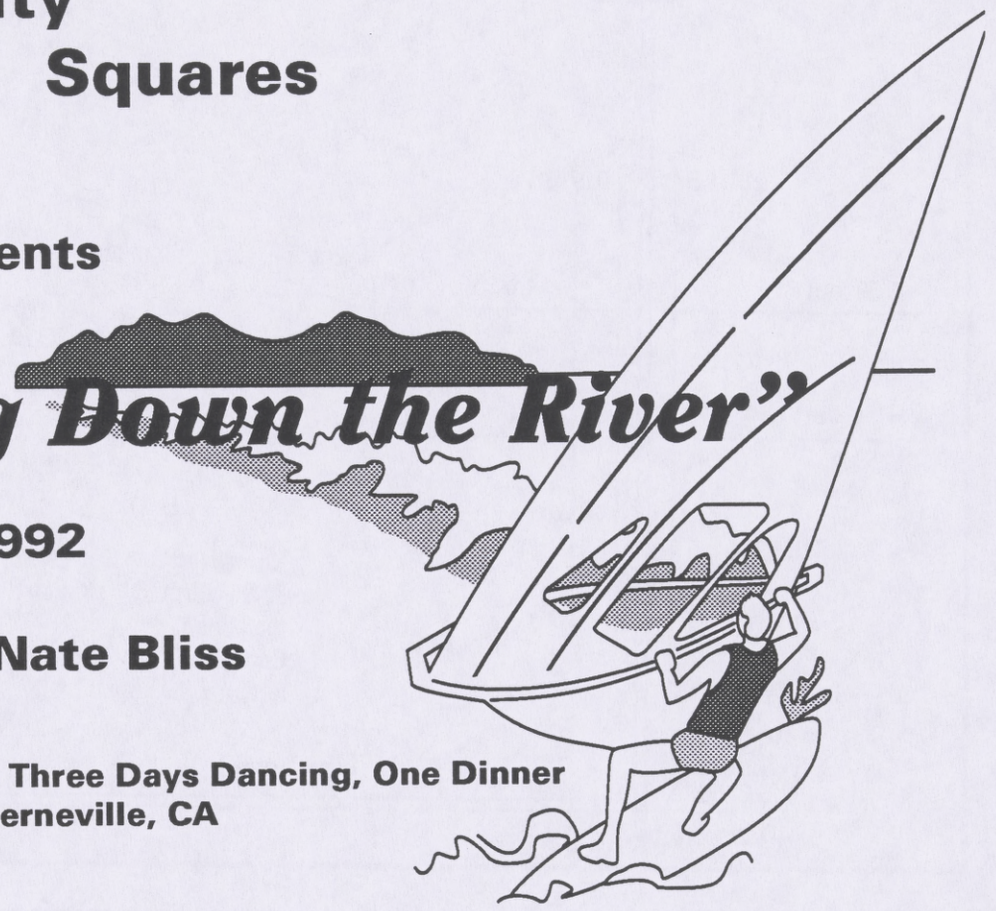
"Cruising Down the River"



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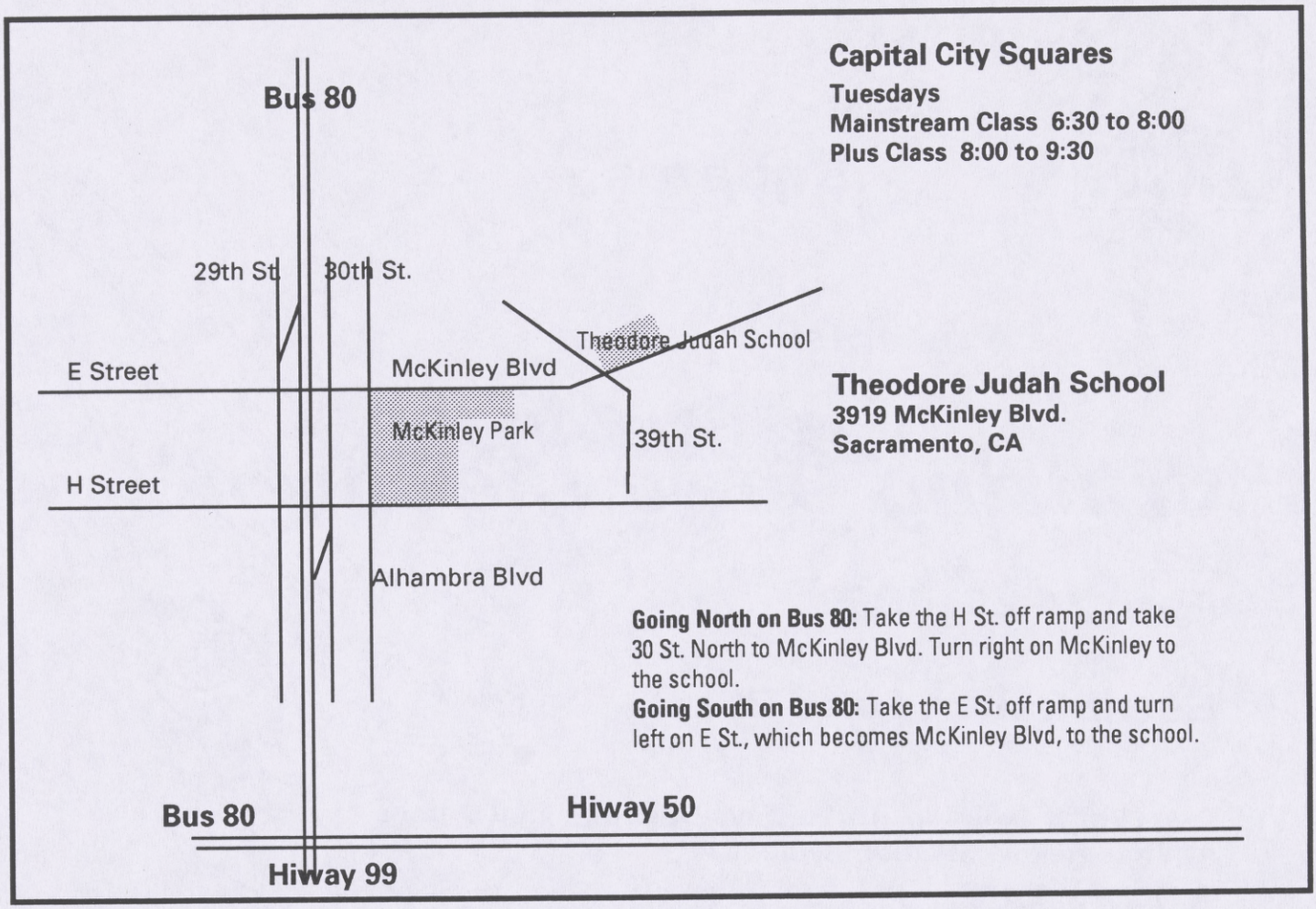

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